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"Celebrating 30 years (March 1991) of FREE DX News"

SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR KB8NW: There will not be a bulletin on June 7th. However, if I receive any special announcements I will send them out. PLEASE continue to send me your DX information (You never know what I might do while taking in the sun with the family at Panama City Beach, FL).

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 16th/May, through Sunday, 23rd/May there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VR, VU, XE, XW, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3D2, FIJI (Operators NOT VALID For DXCC). It has been reported by a few sources that the ARRL DXCC Desk is saying operations by 3D2DOM, 3D2JK and 3D2ZK are NOT valid for DXCC. Also, Mike, G7VJR, author of ClubLog, reported on Twitter (https://twitter.com/g7vjr/) that "3D2ZK is now suspended from using the expedition mode and OQRS in ClubLog". There has also been a report that John, K9EL, CQ DX Marathon Manager, states "any QSOs with 3D2ZK will not count for the 2021 DX Marathon". For more details on why these actions have taken place, we suggest or refer you to the following Web page: http://3z9dx-busted.com

5N, NIGERIA (Update). "The Daily DX" reports that Jean-Louis, F5MAW (aka ZS6AAG, 3DA0MF, C91MSF and TT8JLH) who is now active as 5N7MSF from Abuja will be there until Septmber 15th. As mentioned last week, Jean-Louis is there working for the Médecins Sans Frontières [MSF](Doctors Without Borders), so his on air time will be limited, and he will try to be on after his working hours and Saturdays and Sundays. It suggested to watch 20/15 meters (14122 and 21170 kHz; after 1645z). "The Daily DX" also mentions that Jean-Louis "is hoping to get gear from South Africa to work the QO-100 satellite." QSL is currently only via eQSL.

5U, NIGER. Adrien, F4IHM, is back on the air again as 5UAIHM and be active until June 27th. Activity is very limited, but he was heard this past week on 20 meters CW between 1800-2030z (watch between 14032-14040 kHz). QSL via F4IHM, direct or by the Bureau.

8J, JAPAN (Special Event). Seiji, JA2ATE, is now active as 8J2I to celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of Ichinomiya City until the end of February 2022. Most of the activity has been on 160-12 meters using FT8/FT4. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the Bureau.

8Q, MALDIVES. Nobby, G0VJG, will once again be active as 8Q7CQ between September 28th and October 13th. This will be his third trip there, but this time he will be active from the Island of Innahura (AS-013). Activity will be on 80-10 meters (this now includes 60m) using SSB and the Digital modes. His equipment will be a FT-450D or FT857 with a JUMA 1000 watt amp into HF6V Butternut vertical for the HF bands and a link dipole. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS or direct.

CTU AND HAMVENTION FORUMS 2021 (Now on YouTube.com). In case you missed the Contest University 2021 on May 20th, and the Hamvention Forums on May 21st, they are now available online.

* Hamvention Forums is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZhL979mgas

* CTU 2001 is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-esob7BPtc
  The complete program is about 8 hours and 15 minutes long. Here is an excerpt of the program list:
  W3LPL - "Preparing Your Station for Competition"
  M0DXR - "Contest Categories - Make the Most of Your Entry"
  K1AR - Memorial reading of the Silent Keys for 2021
  DK6SP - "Youth - the Future of Contesters"
  UA9BA - "Contesting from Russia"
  CT1BOH - "There is Nothing Magic About Propagation"
  NC0B - "Transceiver Performance for the HF DX and Contest Operator"
  Wrap up N9JA and K3LR
  K1AR - 2021 CQ Contest Hall of Fame Presentation
  -- Four ICOM Radios were given away during CTU at random times --

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Loick, HB9HBY, will once again be active as HB0/HB9HBY from the small village of Steg, Liechtenstein, between June 30th and July 4th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including 30/17/12m, using CW, SSB and FT8/FT4. QSL via EB7DX. Look for updates on the following media pages:
Facebook -- https://facebook.com/hb9hby
Twitter -- https://twitter.com/hb9hby

HH, HAITI. Peter, JK1UWY (ex-9J2HN/6W1SE/5N0NHD), is now active as HH2JA from Pétion-ville, Haiti, possibly for the next 3 years. Activity will be limited as time permits on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. This past weekend he was heard on 20/15 meters FT8 between 2000-2330z. QSL via LoTW or eQSL.

INDXC NEWS (2021 Convention Is Now Over). All presentations were recorded and will be available May 21, 2021, on the Northern California DX Club's (NCDXC) web site at: https://ncdxc.org/idxc-2021

INTREPID DX GROUP NEWS (Press Release by Paul, N6PSE, dated May 16th).
[edited] From the International DX Convention:
The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce the recipient of the annual "Intrepid Spirit Award". We are pleased to have received so

many worthy nominations to consider.

This year's award goes to a notable DXer Johannes Hafkenscheid, 5T5PA, who was very active while living and working in Mauritania throughout 2020.

This award is to recognize Johannes's outstanding efforts to activate Mauritania during the Covid-19 Pandemic. We recognize Johannes's unselfish act to activate this challenging and much needed entity on behalf of a grateful Global DX Community. During 2020, Johannes made 35,000 contacts and made a total of 192,514 contacts during his years of activity from Mauritania.

It is for these reasons that we honor him with our Intrepid Spirit Award, presented at the International DX Convention, on May 16th, 2021.

This "Intrepid Spirit Award" is made in memory of our fallen friend and member, James McLaughlin, T6AF, who was killed in Kabul, Afghanistan in April, 2011.

The award is intended to recognize and honor those individuals or teams that boldly activate rare entities where their own personal safety is secondary to their pursuit of providing contacts to the DX Community. While we do not encourage DXers to go into harm's way, we recognize that circumstances sometimes require that and we recognize those Intrepid Dxers with the Intrepid Spirit Award.

Thank you,
Paul S. Ewing-N6PSE, President & Founder of The Intrepid-DX Group

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IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between May 17-22nd (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
AF-004	EA8AUW	CANARY	40m; SSB
AF-004	EA8JK	CANARY	17m; SSB
AF-019	IG9OSC	Linosa	80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10m; CW/SSB/FT8
AF-022	ZD7FT	ST HELENA	20m; SSB
AF-024	S79LA	SEYCHELLES	15m; FT8
AN-010	DT8A	King George	40/17m; FT8
AS-007	8J1OLYMPIC/1	HONSHU	17m; CW
AS-007	JE1SSE	HONSHU	17m; SSB
AS-007	JR7TKG	HONSHU	17m; SSB
AS-007	JS1KSU	HONSHU	17m; SSB
AS-047	JS6TWW	Daito	30m; FT8
AS-032	JH7IPR/P	OSUMI	10m; FT8
EU-002	OH0CO	ALAND	80m; FT8
EU-004	EA6SK	BALEARIC	10m; FT8
EU-004	EA6T	BALEARIC	10m; SSB
EU-005	GW0ADC	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; SSB
EU-009	MM7ARJ	ORKNEY	30m; FT8
EU-013	GH5DX	JERSEY	10m; FT8
EU-014	TK4QL	CORSICA	20m; SSB
EU-016	9A4W	DALMATIA SOUTH	20m; CW
EU-018	OY1CT	FAROE	20/10m; CW
EU-018	OY1DZ	FAROE	30m; FT8
EU-018	OY1R	FAROE	30/10m; CW/FT8
EU-021	TF2CT	ICELAND	30m; FT8
EU-023	9H1TT	MALTA	20m; SSB
EU-025	IT9ESW	SICILY	20m; CW
EU-025	IT9MRM	SICILY	20m; FT4
EU-025	IT9YMM/P	SICILY	20m; SSB
EU-026	JW5E	SPITSBERGEN	20m; SSB
EU-030	OZ1NKS/P	BORNHOLM	40m; SSB
EU-031	IC8DAK	CAMPANIA REGION	20m; SSB
EU-036	LA1EOA/P	SOR-TRONDELAG/MORE OG ROMSDAL COUNTY NORTH	20m; SSB
EU-041	IW1FRU	MADDALENA	40m; SSB
EU-042	DK8OL	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE NORTH WEST	10m; CW
EU-061	LA1DHA	VEST AGDER TO OSTFOLD COUNTY	20m; SSB
EU-062	LA1EOA	NORDLAND/NORD-TRONDELAG COUNTY	20m; SSB

EU-115	MI0AIH	IRELAND	10m; SSB
EU-115	MI0JZZ	IRELAND	10m; FT8
EU-115	MI7DGO	IRELAND	20m; FT8
EU-116	GD0TEP	Isle of Man	10m; FT8
EU-116	GD1JND	Isle of Man	17m; SSB
EU-128	DL6MHW	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE EAST	40/20m; CW/SSB
EU-131	IK3PQH/P	VENETO REGION	40m; SSB
EU-175	CU3AC	CENTRAL	10m; FT8
EU-175	CU3HN	CENTRAL	15m; FT8
EU-181	LZ1UBO	BULGARIA	20m; SSB
NA-015	CO7FR	CUBA	40m; CW
NA-015	CO8LY	CUBA	30m; CW
NA-016	ZF1DM	CAYMAN	20m; SSB
NA-018	XP3A	GREENLAND	30m; FT8
NA-022	VP2ETE	ANGUILLA	20m; SSB
NA-040	NL0H	St Lawrence	20m; SSB/FT8
NA-059	NL8F	FOX	20m; FT8
NA-099	KP4JRS	PUERTO RICO	17m; FT8
NA-099	WP4V	PUERTO RICO	20m; SSB
NA-105	FS5PL	ST MARTIN	20m; SSB
NA-106	KP2M	VIRGIN	20m; CW
NA-112	KW4JM	NORTH CAROLINA STATE WEST	20m; CW
OC-001	VK2CR	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-001	VK2GJC	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-016	3D2TS	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	17m; FT8
OC-016	3D2ZK	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	20/17m; FT4
OC-019	WH6R	HAWAIIAN	20m; CW
SA-006	PJ4EL	BONAIRE	15m; FT8
SA-012	YV7PMG	NUEVA ESPARTA STATE	20m; FT8
SA-020	FY5HB	FRENCH GUIANA	20m; SSB
SA-036	P41E	ARUBA	15m; FT8
SA-099	PJ2GT	CURACAO	20m; SSB
SA-099	PJ2LS	CURACAO	20m; FT8

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode on their QSNs on their PacketCluster reports. The format we suggest is "Mode/IOTA#/Island or Group" (ex. FT8/OC-146/Celebes).

EU-008. Paul, G4PVM, will be active as GM4PVM from the Isle of Lismore (WW Loc. IO76FM, WAB NM84) between June 29th and July 4th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB, with 100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via LoTW, eQSL (no cards) or ClubLog for IOTA.

EU-090. Operators Mato/9A3SM, Miran/S50O, Silvo/S50X, Hubi/S53Z and Milan/S58MU will be active as 9A/homecall (except 9A3SM) or possibly a special callsign (pending) from the Velika Palagruza Island (EU-090, IOCA CI-084, WLOTA LH-0057 & CLH-100, ARLHS CRO-012 and WW Loc. JN82DJ) between July 7-31st. Milan informs OPDX, "There are not enough beds in the lighthouse, which makes us limited in the number of operators." Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. Their activity will also include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th). QSL info TBA.

EU-137. (Update) Last week we mentioned that Anders, OZ3ACB, will be active as SM7/OZ3ACB from Ven Island sometime during mid-May. Anders informed OPDX of the following this past week [edited]: "I will be active throughout the summer in my spare time (primarily weekends) from the Island of Ven located in the sound between Denmark and Sweden. I had hoped to be active during last weekend, but the weather is currently a bit unsettled here in Denmark and I need fairly good weather to take the boat to Ven and operate outside. Next weekend (May 22-23rd) looks better, so I'm crossing my fingers and the weather will surely improve in the coming weeks! I will be active on the HF bands (40-10m) depending on band conditions. Primarily with digimodes, but also a bit of SSB. The rig is an FT-991 and I'm using multiband EFHW antennas." QSL via LoTW and eQSL

(preferred), or direct to his home callsign. There will be a log search on ClubLog.

EU-180. Russian operators Oleg/R7LP, Ivan/UA6MF, Tom/R6AW, Yuri/RX6CM, Sergey/RU3EG, Sergey/RX3F and Maxim/RU5D will be active as R24NEW from Bakal'skiy (Peschanyi) Island between June 22-27th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8, with three stations on the air. Operators may also use their home callsigns and sign homecall/p. QSL R24NEW via UA6MF, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

NA-018/ NA-151/ NA-220. Bo, OZ1DJJ, will once again be active as OX3LX from Greenland, (NA-018), Greenland's Coastal South East (NA-151) and Greenland's Coastal South West Island Groups between June 8th and July 10th. Dates can be changed; watch QRZ.com. Bo states, "I plan to be QRV 8th of June from locator GP60XR. My QTH on Google maps (https://www.google.com/maps/@60.71574,-46.02133,121m/data=!3m1!1e3), but will also be QRV from other locators GP70 and GP80 and maybe more. Main focus is 6m and 4m but you will find me on HF too." So as in the past, activity will be on 40-4 meters with a focus 50 and 70 MHz. When not active, he will run a WSPR beacon on 40-6 meters. He states this is NOT a DXpedition, and the best chance to work him will be around lunchtime and after dinner (his local time UTC-2), also during the weekend, possibly at night/morning. QSL via OZ0J direct (see QRZ.com). Logs get uploaded to LoTW, ClubLog and sometimes eQSL. For more details and updates, watch QRZ.com or his Web page at:
http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxped

NA-048. (Update) Operators Juan/AC6ZM, Richard/KN4CV, Linda/KN4KJC, Duane/N4RRR, Jack/K4KSW, Danuta/KK4PHD, Terry/N4QBS, Jack/NN2T and Steven/WA8Y will be active as C6AHA from Bimini Island (USI FL05) between July 14-21st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. They expect to possibly have 5 radios using "beams - Hy-Gain TH3-MK4, Cushcraft MA5B, 40/80m Delta loops and Verticals. Their goal is to aim for Europe and Australia (for those who need them for the DXCC), and others that need the grid or island. DJ states, "I know it's not a Rare DX but it is a rare Island & grid. Great DxPedition for us Handi-hams and a vacation for the wife with the Covid restrictions going on." ADDED NOTE: Jack, K4KSW, also mentions that "C6AHC is a temporary callsign assigned to K4KSW by the Bahamian Government. Our team will be on the Island of Bimini in July operating CW, SSB, and FT8 DXpedition mode. We plan to QSL via eQSL, ClubLog and LoTW. We plan to accecpt and mail QSL cards direct for a nominal fee to cover the cost of postage."

NA-112. Alex, AK4AM, will be active as AK4AM/P from Bogue Banks (WW Loc. FM14pq) between June 26th and July 3rd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters with a focus on 80/40/20m using SSB only with a Yaesu FT-991A into an Ultimax Antennas DX Extreme 124' End-Fed Halfwave antenna about 300' from the ocean waves. See his setup on QRZ.com. Alex also plans to be in the 2021 ARRL Field Day (June 26-27th). QSL via LoTW.

NA-168. Operators Allan/KV4T and XYL Bridget/KS4YT will once again be active from Grand Isle between May 29th and June 1st. Activity will be on 40/20 meters using FT8/FT4. QSL via their home callsigns, LoTW or eQSL.

OC-164. John, VK6NU, will be active as VK6NU/p from Rottnest Island between May 25-28th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB, with a FT-857 and small amp into a vertical. Suggested times are 0600-1000z, 1130-1500z and 2200-0100z. QSL via VK6NU.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have

decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

JW0W SVALBARD DXPEDITION NEWS (Updates).....

* Ken, LA7GIA, posted the following on FaceBook, May 21st [edited]:
  "Unfortunately 2 operators had to withdraw due to personal reasons, but we have managed to replace those and hope to be 6 operators when departing in July. Going to Prins Karls Island in JW requires a dedicated expensive vessel that will transport us from Longyearbyen to the island located in the nature reserve at the west coast. Last activation of this island was in 2001. When arriving we will be doing dinghy landing with all equipment. The 3Y0J team members will do some additional practice runs with the dinghy ;)

  We will focus on NA and Asia outside the IOTA contest, and we will do all modes CW, SSB and FTx. Our antennas will be VDAs and verticals at the shore close to saltwater with excellent take-off in all directions!

  Due to the high risk for polar bear all over the island, we will have mandatory 24/7 polar bear watch. We will have several rifles, flare guns and other protection. Safety is a high priority and all team members will do training at a local shooting range.

  Our budget is roughly 13,000 USDs and we will appreciate donations via PayPal to: jw0wpk@gmail.com

  Thank you for supporting this trip! All the support will go to offset the expensive vessel cost!

  73, JW0J team"

* Erwann, LB1QI, posted the following on FaceBook, May 21st [edited]:
  New members onboard -- We are very happy to welcome Allan Batievsky, EA3HSO, and Ronny onboard our Dxpedition to Prins Karls Forland (EU-063) between the 21st and the 26th of July 2021.

  Allan, a well experienced contester and Dxpeditioner, will join the operators and Ronny will be in charge of our Security while on the island as the risk of being greeted by polar bears at some point of our stay is high. We will all have polar bears watch duties but he will keep the security at a high level while we concentrate on maintaining the antennas and contacting you! Both fellows are a great addition to the team.

  We have an internet website (still in construction) but helpful should you wish to learn more about the team or support us:
  http://www.jw0w.no

  Best 73s, The JW0W Team"

  EDITOR'S UPDATED NOTES: Current list of operators now are Allan/EA3HSO, Erwann/LB1QI, Harald/LB2HG, Gjermund/LB5GI, Ken/LA7GIA, Peter/LA7QIA and Chris/LA8OM. The JW0W FaceBook page is at:
  https://www.facebook.com/groups/288876866220488

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW
PLEASE NOTE: OUTLOOK users PLEASE read below.

P4, ARUBA (Reminder). John, W2GD, will once again be active as P40W between May 25th and June 1st. Activity will be (when time permits) on the various HF bands, with some focus on the 30/17/12 meters and 160 meters mostly on CW (before and after the contest). His activity will also include an entry in the upcoming CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) signing as P44W and as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or N2MM. No bureau cards.

PA21, THE NETHERLANDS. Members of the Dutch VERON ARDF Committee have activated the special event station PA21ARDF to promote "Amateur Radio Direction Finding" (ARDF) until May 30th. Activity will be on various HF bands. All QSOs will be confirmed via the Bureau, but direct cards may be requested via ClubLog's OQRS. For more details, see QRZ.com.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 24-30th).....

May/24th HN	May/27th AN	May/29th AN
May 25th AN	May/28th AN	May/30th AN
May/26th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf
  and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
  https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
  http://sunspotwatch.com
* Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminisration (NOAA):
  https://www.swpc.noaa.gov
  https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression
* News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment:
  https://www.spaceweather.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Real-time propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (May 23rd) and various sources provided by OPDX

4L8A via M0OXO	D44PM via IZ4DPV & (LoTW)	LG9L via LA9L & (LoTW)
4O3A via VE3EXY	DL25GDXF via DL6DH	LX9BSC via LX1RT
4O9KOM via EB7DX	DP44WCA/P via DF6EX	LZ70HSC via LZ2JE
4S6RSP via EA5GL	EA6/DF8AN via DF8AN	OE100CHZ via OE4CHZ
5H1FF via (L)	EA8/DF4UE via DF4UE	OE60VHSC via OE1TKW
5R8AL via G3SWH	EF5U via EA5U	OH0CO via SM6CCO
5T2NH via EA7FTR	EG1XA via EA1RCI	OT30CRD via ON4LBI
5T5PA via PA5X	EG2FVP via (E-B/L)	PI75LDN via PI4LDN
5UAIHM via F4IHM	EH1CIS via EH1CIS (e)	PJ2CF via EA5GL
8N0OLP via JARL	EP2HAM via M0OXO	PJ2MAN via EC5AHA
8P2K via KU9C	ER0ITU via ER0ITU (L)	PJ2SM via EC5AHA
9G5AR via N4GNR	EY8MM via W0VTT	R116MS via RQ7L
A25SL via N4GNR	FK8GU via EA5GL	R800ANL via RV1AQ
A60WTIS/5 via A61BK	GB2CPM via (G-B)	RK75AK via UA2FAK
A62A via EA7FTR	HC7AE/1 via EA5GL	RO10RT via RA4R
A91GCC via EC6DX	HF1921PS via SP9KJU	RO36MS via RQ7L
AN5ITU via EB5R	HF35BLP via SP7MUX	RT36MS via RQ7L
BX6ABV via EA5GL	HG6N via HA6KNB (d/L)	S79LA via 4Z5LA
C37AC via EA3QS	HL2/F4AAR via 6K2EJJ	SD1A via SM1TDE & (LoTW)
CE2SV via N7RO	HP3AK via W4JS	TC1919ATA via TA6P
CN65FAR via RW6HS	HZ1WTIS via HZ1WTIS (L)	TM100CLG via F8KGS
CN8CZM via CN8ZG	IB8C via IZ8GNR (L)	UE36MS via RQ7L
CO7HH via RW6HS	II2MMI via I2QIL	VP6MW via W0VTT
CO7QC via IK2DUW	IQ0NU via IS0FFD	YP9F via YO9FNP
CP4BT via IK2DUW	JY5HX via E73Y	Z21DX via PA3CPI
CP6CL via W3HNK	KP2/K0BZ via K0BZ & (LoTW)	ZA/IK2RLM via IZ2LSP

CR65PQ via CT1EHX KP2M via NZ4DX ZL7DX via M0OXO

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau (n) no printed QSLs
(**) QSL automatically via Bureau - do not send QSLs

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4O3A, 5Z4VJ, 9A8A, BV4WU, CT1IUA, CU3BL, DJ6YX, DL1YM, DU3CQ, E25KAE, EA6A, F4HER, F6EQZ, F8BBL, FK8IK, G4RRA, GI0OTC, GW0ADC, J73ESL, JS6TWW (AS-047), MD0CCE, MM0BSM, OK2ZAW, ON4IQ, OX3XR, SP5EWY, TY8G, VA3AB, VE4TV, VY2JC, YA8G, YD3CER and YE1NZ

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5I5TT, C6AMD/mm, DP0POL/mm, FK8IK, JX2US, R207RRC (AS-207), VP8DPC/m, VK7KHZ/P (OC-233), VR2BLEE and ZS7ANF

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

S7, SEYCHELLES. Ros, 4Z5LA, is now active as S79LA from Seychelles (AF-024) until May 27th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via 4Z5LA, LoTW or eQSL.

SWODXA NEWS (2021 DXpedition of the Year). The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has announced their 2021 DXpedition of the Year award. The award goes to VP8PJ South Orkney Island DXpedition (February-March 2020). The DX-pedition team consisted of: Dave/K3EL and Les/W2LK (Co-Leaders), Gene/K5GS, Arliss/W7XU, Heye/DJ9RR, Laci/HA0NAR, Vadym/UT6UD, Walt/N6XG, Rob/N7QT, Steve/W1SRD, Mike/WA6O, Ken/NG2H, Hans-Peter/HB9BXE and Alan/VK6CQ.

Usually, the Southwest Ohio DX Association presents their DXpedition of the Year Award each year at the annual DX Dinner during the Dayton HamVention.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Update/Reminder). Steve, VK6SJ, who is expected to be active as VK9XX from Christmas Island (OC-002), reports last week [edited]: "VK9XX will be active from the 28th May for between two and three weeks, but I'll be working on the island so not on 24/7. I will be taking a Yaesu FT-857D and a simple Sotabeams antennas plus an ATAS mobile vertical. I will also be barefoot. This will also be mostly outside working hours and focused on the night time bands and mainly FT8. My first priority will be work and I doubts that I will have any time during the day so any requests for operation during the day are unlikely to be filled.

QSL for this operation will be via EB7DX. David did a sterling job on VK9CE and very happy to have him back on this operation.

The plan is to operate a separate band each night (I don't want to go out and change the antenna at night! :)) Caveat here is that if I have a dead band, I will change band rather than call into nothing.

Expected hours of operation will be 1100-1500z and 2200-0000z each day. If I get ahead of schedule in my work, I may squeeze in a day off, in which I will see if I can tune up the dipole on 6m, 10m & 15m during the day. I also hope to have an icon on this page (QRZ.com) that shows when and where I'm on air."

Steve provides the following schedule and suggested frequencies on QRZ.com:

Schedule Bands	Suggested Frequencies (kHz)/Modes
80m (May 31st/June 4th/June 8th)	3625/SSB and 3567/FT8
40m (May 29th/June 2nd/June 6th/June 10th)	7180/SSB and 7056/FT8
30m (May 30th/June 3rd/June 7th/June 11th)	10131/FT8
20m (May 28th/June 1st/June 5th/June 9th)	14280/SSB and 14090/FT8

Steve states [edited]: "All FT8 operation will be Fox & Hound mode. Please read up on this mode (FT8_DXpedition_Mode.pdf (princeton.edu)) so you don't call in my spot (around 350Hz) or you won't get answered (the software only recognizes calls above 1000Hz). I will only be doing a single stream as being barefoot, I think if I go more than 1 stream, I'll probably disappear into the noise, never to be heard again! :)

I will stop FT8 at the end of each hour and try SSB for 10 minutes minimum. If I get a run on SSB, I'll stay there until I don't, then

return to FT8. SSB operation will be split frequency, listening 5kHz up and +/- QRM. Please please be gentle with me though. I'm using a simple mobile rig and low power so I need the pileup to be ordered or I'll just go back to FT8.

During the CQWPX CW contest on the 29th and 30th, I may answer a bunch of stations calling CQ Test, but I don't think my CW is up to managing a pileup. Happy to do the odd sked on CW. Email me if you want to try something. E-mail is on my home call QRZ page.

I know there are a bunch of JAs looking for VK9X on 6m. E-mail me if you think the band is open and I'll give it a shot. Not sure what I'll have on 6m yet but as a minimum it will be a mobile vertical on the balcony."

Steve usually post updates on QRZ.com.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Gary, NC3Z, Gary, will be active as VP2V/NC3Z from Tortola, British Virgin Islands (NA-023), between June 3-14th. His activity will be on 40-6 meters using SSB and FT8/FT4; as propagation dictates. His equipment is a FT-891 with 100 watts into a SuperAntenna MP1 on the beach and various wire antennas. QSL via LoTW (primary) and ClubLog.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Operators Dennis/K2SX, John/K4BAI, Jim/K4QPL and Johnnie/KR4R will be active as VP5/homecall from Providenciales Island (NA-002) between May 25th and June 1st. The group will be there for the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) signing as VP5M (possibly) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL VP5M via K4QPL or LoTW. QSL all others via their home callsign.

YL21, LATVIA (Special Event). The Ice Hockey World Championship is being held in Riga, Latvia, between May 21st and June 6th. To mark this event, members of the Latvian Radio Amateur League will activate special event callsign YL21ICE. Operation will take place from several locations on all bands (160-10 meters including 30/17/12m and VHF/UHF) and modes (CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8/FT4). Several stations could be active on different bands/modes at the same time. A special electronic award will be available to download from QSL.Services (https://qsl.services/event/YL21ICE). To obtain the award, applicants must collect 16 points on regular band and mode slot (CW, VOICE, DATA) basis. Each QSO score two points for European stations and four points for the rest of the World. All possible computerized modes (RTTY, FT4, FT8, etc.) counts as DATA and all possible voice modes (SSB, AM, FM, etc.) counts as VOICE. SWLs earn single point for every QSO under the same rules. To apply for the Award send your ADIF SWL log extract to:

es5zf@inbox.lv

Z2, ZIMBABWE. Peter, PA3CPI, seems to be back in Zimbabwe and is active again as Z21DX. The length of his stay is not known. He was heard on 20 meters SSB (14247.5 kHz between 1743 and 1757z). QSL via PA3CPI.

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